

MCPL Suggested Reading

ENTERING GRADE 5



Fiction

Alexander, Lloyd.* *The Book of Three.*

The pig-keeper is called on to save the kingdom.

Amato, Mary.* *The Word Eater.*

A new pet eats words and may change the world.

+Blackwood, Gary.* *Shakespeare's Scribe.*

Widge's theater company flees the plague.

+Bunting, Eve.* *Nasty, Stinky Sneakers.*

Who would want to steal such smelly sneakers?

+Choldenko, Gennifer. *Al Capone Does My Shirts.*

Moose's family moves to Alcatraz Prison.

Collins, Suzanne.* *Gregor the Overlander.*

Gregor fulfills an ancient prophecy—underground.

DiCamillo, Kate.* *The Tale of Despereaux.*

A mouse falls in love with a princess and braves all.

DiTerlizzi, Tony & Holly Black.* *The Field Guide.*

The Graces find a magic book & adventures follow.

+Eager, Edward.* *Half Magic.*

Siblings find a magic coin, but the rules prove tricky.

+Fleishman, Paul.* *Seedfolks.*

A young girl + seeds = transformed neighborhood.

Gutman, Dan.* *Shoeless Joe and Me.*

A boy travels back in time to clear Joe's name.

+Lupica, Mike. *Travel Team.*

Mike's cut from the team; is it only because he's short?

Martin, Ann M.* *The Doll People.*

Two dolls become friends and solve a mystery.

Napoli, Donna Jo. *The Prince of the Pond.*

Get the Frog Prince's story straight from the Prince.

+Paulsen, Gary.* *Hatchet.**

Brian must learn to survive alone in the wilderness.

+Robinet, Harriette. *Walking to the Bus-Rider Blues.*

Set during the bus boycott Rosa Parks started.

+Waugh, Sylvia.* *Space Race.*

Thomas discovers he is not from Earth.

Wilhelm, Doug. *The Revealers.*

Three outcasts unite to stop bullying at their school.

Yolen, Jane.* *The Wizard's Map.**

Children find an ancient map and its evil creator.



Non Fiction

J 158.2 Romain. *Bullies are a Pain in the Brain.*

Use your brain to out-think them.

J 292 Fisher. *Jason and the Golden Fleece.*

The Argonauts set off for treasure.

J 398.2 San Souci.* *Young Merlin.*

Merlin's life before he meets King Arthur.

J 595.7 Kallner. *Bug Scientists.*

Get up close and personal with the insect world.

J 599.756. Montgomery. *The Man-Eating Tigers of Sundarbans.*

Endangered animals endangering others.

J 616.01 Nye. *Bill Nye the Science Guy's Great Big Book of Tiny Germs.*

We're outnumbered—better get to know them!

J 636.7 Patent.* *Dogs: The Wolf Within.*

Why dogs behave the way they do.

J 745.54 Larsen. *Scribbles, Stickers, & Glue.*

A kids' guide to scrapbooking.

J 771 Buckingham.* *Photography.*

From the beginnings of the camera to digital.

+J 883 Sutcliff.* *Black Ships Before Troy.*

Retells the heroic legend of Troy.

J 910.45 Ballard.* *Ghost Liners: Exploring the World's Greatest Lost Ships.*

How they went down and what happened after.

J 915.1 Brown. *Far Beyond the Garden Gate: Alexandra David-Neel's Journey to Lhasa.*

Go on a journey to the capital of Tibet.

+J 919.8 Steger. *Over the Top of the World.*

Travel by canoe and dog sled to the North Pole.

J 931 O'Connor. *The Emperor's Silent Army.*

Life-sized pottery soldiers hidden for centuries.

J 977.311 Murphy.* *The Great Fire.*

Follow real people as they flee the Chicago fire.

J B Houdini. *Spellbinder: The Life of Harry Houdini.*

An intriguing look at America's great escape artist.

J B Jemison. *Dr. Mae Jemison: Moments from My Life.*

An intimate biography of a woman astronaut.

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